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DEQ announces changes to the transfer of ownership process for permits

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has announced an update to their Notice of Ownership change form that must be filled out in the event a permit holder undergoes a name change or transfers ownership to another entity.

When a company buys out another company or changes names, they must complete a Notice of Ownership Change form, known as a NOC-1 form, to request that DEQ transfer the permit. In addition, an Addendum to Permit Applications form and a Permit Transfer of Liability form between the two companies also had to be completed, which added to the overall processing time. Now, under the change, those three forms have been incorporated into the updated NOC-1 form.

The new form will take effect on August 1, 2011.

“This change will reduce the amount of deficiency requests we have to submit, while enabling DEQ to transfer these permits quicker,” said Sam Phillips, Assistant Secretary of DEQ’s Office of Environmental Services.

For more information, the updated Notice of Ownership Change form is currently posted on the DEQ Web site at:

www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/DIVISIONS/PermitSupportServices/PermitApplicationAdministrativeReviewGroup.aspx